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RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing Elder Heart.

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Whereas, Elder Heart was created by a Brown County veteran in order to raise awareness of the veteran suicide epidemic in America;

Whereas, Elder Heart, a nonprofit veteran-run organization that helps veterans heal from the effects of war through the creation of art, was founded by Magnus Johnson to help ease the difficult transition from military to civilian life;

Whereas, Magnus Johnson served in the Army and the Special Forces for eight years, including more than 28 months in combat;

Whereas, Magnus Johnson befriended local artist Jim Connor, who let him use the tools in his shop as a creative outlet;

Whereas, Together they decided that through artwork they could help veterans and also benefit the community;

Whereas, Elder Heart creates public art pieces that are built by veterans;

Whereas, These art pieces often act as a bridge between veterans and the community, helping these veterans return to a normal civilian life;



Whereas, Brown County, and particularly Nashville, is the perfect setting for Elder Heart since this community was created and is maintained by art and the creative people who make it;

Whereas, Sadly far too many veterans are returning home with invisible wounds, are unemployed, and are losing hope in their futures;

Whereas, Every day 22 American veterans commit suicide, making the war at home deadlier than all other combat missions around the world;

Whereas, Due to the stigma surrounding PTSD and traumatic brain injury, veterans often do not seek the help they so urgently need; and

Whereas, Elder Heart was created to help turn the tide for these veterans and believes that "it takes a community to heal a soldier's heart": Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
2 efforts of Elder Heart to ease the often painful transition back to
3 civilian lives for many veterans, especially those who have seen combat
4 duty.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Elder Heart.

